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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Norman Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, concerning the Chairman's letter of 25 April 1972 requesting the designation of a witness or witnesses to appear and testify in a hearing on Friday, 5 May, on the security classification problems affecting exemption (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act and the way in which the President's new Executive Order 11652 will affect the operation of the security classification system. Mr. Cornish told me that since the hearing is scheduled for next week, he would appreciate a response as soon as possible. Mr. Houston, OGC, has been advised.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that conflict in Committee assignment will limit the number of individuals to be present next Thursday and suggested that go over to the following week. After checking with Mr. Duckett's, DDS&T, office I called Mr. Berdes and suggested Tuesday morning, 9 May, at 10:00. He will check with the Chairman and be back in touch tomorrow. See Journal of 26 April 1972.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with Senator Gordon Allott's (R., Colo.) office copies of the back issues of the FBIS USSR book covering the past two weeks. This was in response to a request of Dana Patton of the Senator's staff.

4. (Confidential - GLC) Left with David Martin, of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, some additional material on the Versailles Peace Conference on Southeast Asia with the understanding that this material would be used by Martin in its present form.

25X1 5. (Confidential - GLC) [] CI Staff, called to say that DOD
had raised with him the possibility of having a military man present at [] 25X1
briefing of David Martin's, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, group
25X1 tomorrow. [] told Walter C. Minnick, of the White House staff, he
had no objection but this was a matter that they should take up with Martin.
25X1 [] was advised. He also made it clear that we were not providing Martin
with any classified documents.

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6. (Confidential - GLC) I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, again about the possibilities for resolving the problems with the "dissemination of information" section and the 10% personnel reduction section of the State Department Authorization bill in the Senate. Braswell said he was sure that Senator Stennis would fight for an exemption for CIA from the personnel reduction provision but he seriously doubted that the Senator would be willing to take the issue any further than this, (i. e. he did not argue for similar exclusions for the Department of Defense or others). Braswell did say, however, that the Senator might be willing to take issue with the 10% reduction provision and the personnel ceiling on strictly Committee jurisdiction grounds. Braswell asked us to give him some arguments on these two proposals by close of business tomorrow since the bill is scheduled to come up on the floor Monday. Braswell is not at all optimistic that anything can be done in the Agency's interest with regard to the dissemination of information section without getting into a full-blown Senate floor discussion on the subject of CIA's covert action programs and this was bound to be a loser. He feels that the only way of wrestling with this problem is by discussion with Chairman Morgan, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in the hope that he will change the language when the bill comes before that Committee.

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7. (Confidential - GLC) At his request I met with Mr. Bob O'Regan, on the staff of Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.), who gave me a copy of a letter to the Congressman from Charles A. Gauld requesting information on Cuban radio stations in Florida. According to Gauld these stations are making Spanish language broadcasts not only attacking Castro but also criticizing U.S. policies, the President's proposed trip to Moscow, and related matters. O'Regan asked if I would provide him with information which they could use in responding to Gauld's letter. I have passed this to WH Division for advice.

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8. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied George Carver, SAVA, who briefed Senator Charles Percy and Scott Cohen, of his staff, on the military situation in Vietnam. The Senator was particularly interested in talk of a "Dunkirk" situation which might confront the remaining U.S. troops in South Vietnam, the military threat to Saigon, the role of the South Vietnamese air force, and the overall military prospects of the war.

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9. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed the above-mentioned amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526). He shares the view of other Hill contacts with whom we have discussed the matter that getting any exemption for CIA to the restrictions on dissemination of overseas information is virtually out of the question in the Senate. He rather favored my suggestion that we may try to cope with the situation by getting the House Foreign Affairs Committee to introduce a "clean bill" covering much the same ground as the Church amendment in the Senate, but with language acceptable to the Agency.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding a request from Chairman Moorhead, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, for Agency witnesses to appear on 5 May to testify on security and classification problems. Slatinshek's off-the-cuff comment was (a) we cannot avoid appearing, (b) it would be helpful to buy time so that Chairman Nedzi and our oversight Subcommittee could cover this problem with us first, and (c) when we do appear before Moorhead we should not push for executive session, since an appearance in open session would provide justification for refusing to answer any detailed questions.

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11. (Confidential - JMM) Called John Lehman, NSC staff, to say that our conversation today with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, indicated that Senator Stennis probably would not fight the 10% across-the-board cut in overseas personnel called for in the Fulbright amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526), but might support a special exemption for CIA. In view of this, I told Lehman that I didn't feel qualified to represent the entire Administration in opposing the across-the-board cut since I foresaw a conflict of interest between CIA and other agencies involved. Lehman agreed with my suggestion that I call Defense and USIA and explain my problem. I told Lehman I would be glad to be helpful but in addition to the conflict of interest problem, I really didn't feel I knew enough about the situation regarding other agencies to represent their interests effectively.

12. (Confidential - JMM) In the absence of Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), I talked with his Deputy Colonel George Dalferes on the above matter and explained why I didn't think I could be helpful in pleading DIA's case on the personnel cuts. He said he appreciated my position and would pass the word on to Johnson.

13. (Confidential - JMM) Called Charles Ablard, General Counsel of USIA, to tell him that, as I had already explained to John Lehman, NSC staff, I didn't think I could effectively represent the interest of any other agencies than CIA in connection with the Church bill on dissemination of information abroad. Ablard said he surely understood the problem and they would try to take care of their interest in the matter as best they could. We agreed to keep in touch. 25X1

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